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TO: SHELL EGG ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

A telephone conference call for the Shell Egg Advisory Committee (SEAC) has been scheduled. Enclosed are meeting minutes from the April 18, 2007 last committee meeting. Please review them for discussion and approval at the conference call. The agenda, meeting materials and phone-in information will be mailed under a separate cover.

When: Tuesday, June 19, 2007  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where: 560 J Street, Suite 220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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If you have any questions, please call me at the above number.

Sincerely,

Anthony S. Herrera, Program Supervisor  
Egg Quality Control Program  
Feed, Fertilizer, Livestock Drug and Egg Regulatory Services

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Enclosure

Cc: Nate Dechortez  
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# **FINAL**

## **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SHELL EGG ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)**

**Teleconference**

**April 18, 2007**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS**

Wayne Winslow, Chairman  
Gary Foster  
Kelly Luth  
Danny O' Day  
Dave Robinson

#### **CDFA**

Anthony Herrera  
Lisa Gonzalez  
Fred Helenihi  
Carolyn Smith  
Irene Gonzalez

#### **INTERESTED PARTIES**

Debbie Murdock, Pacific Egg  
& Poultry Association  
Nancy Holland, Kern County  
Myron Kimmell, Kern County

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wayne Winslow called the Shell Egg Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting to order and a quorum was established at 1:10 p.m. Paul Bahan, Michael Sencer, Steve Mahrt and Allen Armstrong were not present at the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Winslow asked the SEAC Committee if they reviewed the minutes of the June 7, 2006 meeting. Mr. Winslow noted to correct the spelling of his first name on the bottom of the first page. He also noted the last paragraph under the agenda item "Retail Reconditioning/Proposed Regulation Changes" states that Michael Sencer shared with the committee that California is the lone holdout state for accepting a 45-day shelf life as the industry standard. Mr. Winslow recalled the discussion Mr. Sencer referred to was regarding pasteurizes shell eggs not regular shell eggs. Anthony Herrera corrected the sentence to read, "Michael Sencer shared with the committee that California is the lone holdout state for accepting the 45-day sell by date for Pasteurized Eggs."

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Kelly Luth to accept the minutes as corrected. Gary Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **DEPARTMENT, DIVISION AND BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Herrera informed the SEAC Committee the Division Director and Branch Chief could not make the meeting, so there would be no update on the Division or Branch announcements at this time. Mr. Herrera announced the program would be conducting five Egg Quality Control Workshops for the county inspectors from April 24<sup>th</sup> thru May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Herrera also informed the committee that Carolyn Smith, Supervisor II Inspector is retiring from the state service and June 18, 2007 will be her last workday. The program plans to fill her position as soon as possible.

### **CART AND WIREBASKET ENFORCEMENT**

Mr. Winslow discussed the issue with cart and wire basket enforcement. Mr. Winslow's concerns are that the current rules and regulations for cart and wire basket enforcement are not being enforced.

Mr. Herrera stated that years ago the program included in their county contracts funds for the counties during their course of inspections to look for foreign cart and wire. Unfortunately, to save money the SEAC Committee recommended that wire basket enforcement go to a complaint only process. The SEAC members should advise the program on how to approach the problem, if the program should ask for full county involvement or just target counties who have production. After further discussion, it was decided to target production counties.

Mr. Herrera informed the SEAC Committee that he would review the budget funds for 07/08 and see what could be allocated for cart and wire enforcement. The emphasis will be to target counties that have production.

### **REPORTING PERIOD SURVEY RESULTS**

The survey reported the majority of the Shell Egg Industry was in favor of the new 4/4/5 reporting period system. In order to change the reporting periods, the program would have to change the state regulations. In order to start the process, the program needs recommendation from the SEAC Committee.

The new system would require reports for 12 reporting periods for a fiscal year, which is the way the majority of businesses track their bookkeeping. This would also make our bookkeeping a lot easier to track.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Gary Foster to take the necessary steps to change the regulations to a 4/4/5 reporting period system. Kelly Luth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COUNTY WORKLOAD BREAKDOWN**

The SEAC Committee requested a breakdown on what was inspected by contracted counties for production, wholesale and retail. Mr. Herrera directed the committee to attachment #6. The county workload breakdown covers the number of 100 egg samples inspected and the funding per quarter by each county.

### **DRAFT REGULATION LANGUAGE FOR RETAIL REPACKING**

Mr. Herrera directed the committee to attachment #7 "Draft" Language for Retail Reconditioning. This regulation language would provide guidelines to retailers on the process of reconditioning checkout returns.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Kelly Luth to add the additional language on retail reconditioning to the current regulations. Gary Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **RESULTS OF INITIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

The Shell Egg Strategic Planning Sub Committee met in August 2006. The purpose of the Strategic Planning Sub Committee was to come up with a business plan for the program. Concerns were that the program created over 35 year ago, is still operating with most of its core components being the same from when the program started.

There were some concerns with the current changes, such as, California now being the number five producing state versus number one 35 years ago. The sub-committee created a list of the program's strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats.

Mr. Foster was concerned on whether the sub-committee was able to define a wholesaler/distributor.

Mr. Herrera stated currently our Food and Agriculture Code law does not specify the definition for a wholesaler/distributor. Mr. Herrera suggested reviewing the language that the National Egg Regulatory Officials (NERO) used to define wholesaler and retailer. At the next SEAC meeting, the committee can rewrite the language on what best defines a wholesaler/distributor.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Gary Foster to rewrite the new language on what best defines a wholesaler/distributor for the new 07/08 county contracts. The new language should include membership stores, such as Sam's Club, Costco and such like stores are considered retail stores. Kelly Luth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **FORMATION OF 07/08 BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE**

Mr. Winslow and Mr. Foster volunteered to participate for members on the 07/08 Budget Sub Committee. Mr. Winslow added that Mr. Sencer would be willing to participate. The Budget Sub Committee will try to meet the week of May 21<sup>st</sup> and hold a Strategic Planning Sub Committee Meeting for the same date and location.

### **ELECTION OF 07/08 SEAC CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Herrera stated that the current term for SEAC Chairman would expire on September 18, 2007. The committee would need to elect a SEAC Chairman for 07/08. The committee postponed this action until the next SEAC meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

In December 2006 the program sent a notice out advertising for a Public Member position on the SEAC. At this time, only one person has inquired about the position. Mr. Winslow suggested that Debbie Murdock and Mr. Herrera interview the individual interested in serving as a public member on the committee.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Budget Sub Committee will be scheduled for the week of May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Meeting may be scheduled after the Budget Sub-Committee meeting.

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Anthony S. Herrera, Program Supervisor  
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